

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sevick-Muraca et al.
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Group Art Unit: 3768
Examiner: Muhammad Waqas
Title: *Method and System for Detecting Sentinel Lymph Nodes*

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the changes to C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) set forth in 69 FR 56481 and effective October 21, 2004, copies of the U.S. patents have not been provided. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), Applicants make no representation that the documents qualify as prior art or that the documents are material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

REMARKS

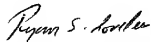
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant hereby certifies that the communication from the EPO entitled "Communication Pursuant to Article 94(3) EPC" dated 11/13/2009 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is believed due. If, however, Applicant has overlooked the need for a fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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